Price Control on Vitamins

*353. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of Kelkar Committee had confirmed that the Committee headed by him recommended for price control on vitamin B1, B2, B6, B12, vitamin C and vitamin D-3 and;

(b) if so, on what consideration his Ministry came to the conclusion that Kelkar Committee had recommended price decontrol on the said vitamin bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a)and (b) The Kelkar Committee recommended that all Vitamins when used in combinations in formulations would come under Category II of price control and that if used singly would not be price controlled. Keeping in view these recommendations, bulk vitamins were kept out of price control.

Rural Electrification in Andhra Pradesh

*354. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what amount was given to Andhra Pradesh for rural electrification during the last two financial years;

(b) what amount was spent by the State Government during these years along with the number of villages electrified;

(c) what was the target for rural electrification for the Sixth Five Year Plan period and whether this target was achieved; and

(d) what is the target for the Seventh Five year Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP_ NATH RAI): (a) Rural Electrification Corporation had extended loan assistance of Rs. 46.48 crores and Rs. 77.22 crores during 1986-87 and 1987-88 respectively and, in addition, the Planning Commission had provided an allocation of Rs. 11.69 crores and Rs. 9.9 crores under the State Plan for rural electrification in the State during the two years respectively.

(b) As per the information available from Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board, an expenditure of Rs. 86.30 crores during 1986-87 and Rs. 56.56 crores upto February, 1988 during 1987-88, was incurred on rural electrification.

905 and 1076 villages were electrified in the State during 1986-87 and 1987-88 respectively.

(c) The targets and achievements of rural electrification during the Sixth Five Year Plan in the State were:

	Target	Achievement
Village electrification	7,640	6,410
Pumpset energisation	2,65,,000	2;41;818

(d) The Seventh Plan programme envisages electrification of 4370 villages and energisation of 3,50,000 pumpsets.

Commercial use of FAX Machines

*355. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit commercial use of Fassimile (FAX) machines; if so, what will be the licence fee therefor;

(b) what are the reasons for allowing their commercial use;

(c) whether it is a fact that some owners are already making commercial use of these machines; if so, how many cases have been detected and what action has been taken thereon; and

(d) in how many cities the domestic FAX facility is available and what are the plans for extension of such facility to more cities?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) to (d) Government has decided to per-